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After M-Day, mutantkind neared extinction. Once hailed as humanity's replacement, it appeared mutants, now reduced to a few hundred, would fade into oblivion. But a new mutant baby has arrived, the first since M-Day, and with it, hope for mutantkind.

Previously in MESSIAH COMPLEX...

The mutant baby is missing, and the X-Men know that both the Marauders and the Purifiers were at the site of its disappearance. Willing to recover the child at any cost, Cyclops dispatched a team of X-Men to track down the Marauders and their leader, Mr. Sinister.

Meanwhile, Cyclops also deployed the de-powered X-Man Rictor to gather intelligence on the mutant-hating Purifiers, who seek to kill the baby because they fear it is the Antichrist. A few months ago, the Purifiers killed many students at the Xavier Institute. Cyclops did not inform the remaining students of the Purifiers' involvement.

Lastly, Jamie Madrox, a.k.a. Multiple Man, went to see the mutant-inventor Forge. As part of Cyclops' plan, two expendable duplicates of Jamie were sent into two different futures to gather intel with no possibility of return. Cyclops didn't plan for Jamie's teammate Layla Miller to tag along.

The one piece of the puzzle that Cyclops doesn't know about is that the mutant-eating monster Predator X is aware of the baby's existence. And it's hungry...

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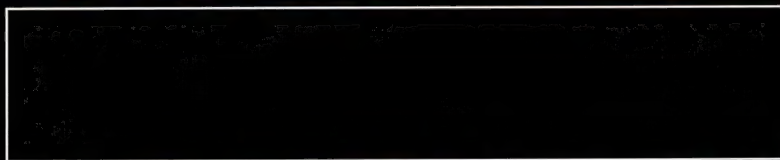
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X THE CANADIAN ROCKIES.



**34 KILOMETERS FROM
THE NEAREST TOWN.**





THE XAVIER
INSTITUTE
FOR HIGHER
LEARNING

"YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE IN HERE,
NORI."

HEY, I
CAN COME
BACK LATER,
IF YOU TWO
NEED SOME
TIME--

WE DON'T
NEED ANY
TIME.

SHUT UP,
BOTH OF YOU.
JUST LOOK.



CNN

THE
PURIFIERS.

SON
OF A--



THAT'S WHY
CYCLOPS TOLD
US TO STAY
OUT OF IT.

THE
PURIFIERS
WERE INVOLVED
IN ALASKA. THEY
MAY HAVE THE
BABY.

IF CYCLOPS
DIDN'T TELL US,
HE HAD A GOOD
REASON. DON'T
DO ANYTHING
STUPID.

"DON'T DO
ANYTHING STUPID"?!
ARE YOU KIDDING,
DAVID?! YOU WERE
THERE, YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY DID!

DAVID
IS RIGHT,
NORI.

OH,
CRAP.





CYCLOPS IS RIGHT, AS WELL...TO A POINT.

HE KEPT THAT INFORMATION FROM YOU TO PROTECT YOU. BUT THERE ARE MORE WAYS TO SOLVE A PROBLEM THAN CHARGING HEADFIRST INTO VIOLENCE.



I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT TRAINING MUTANTS... I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THE THREE OF YOU ABOUT TAKING A DIFFERENT APPROACH.

I BELIEVE THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN--



SHUT UP, JUST SHUT UP!

NOR!!

NO! WHERE WAS HE WHEN WE WERE GETTING KILLED?



WELL? WHERE WERE YOU WHEN WE WERE GETTING BLOWN UP IN BUSES, OR SHOT IN THE HEAD, OR GETTING OUR HEARTS RIPPED OUT?!

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THOSE PURIFIER BASTARDS CAME TO KILL WHAT WAS LEFT OF US IN YOUR FREAKING MANSION?!



THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN TEACH US, "PROF..."

WE ALREADY KNOW HOW TO DIE.



... IT'S BEEN A ROUGH YEAR, PROFESSOR.

**DALLAS, TEXAS.
FORGE'S AERIE.**

THERE'S
BEEN NO
CHANGE.

THE PRIME
MADROX IS STILL
IN A COMA, BUT HIS
BRAIN FUNCTION IS
OFF THE MAP.

IF YOU
CAN SPARE
EMMA, SHE
MIGHT BE ABLE
TO FIND OUT
WHAT'S--

EMMA'S...
UNAVAILABLE.

...FINE. I'LL CONTINUE TO
MONITOR EACH TIMELINE
FOR ANY ANOMALIES, BUT
THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
EITHER FUTURE.

UNDERSTOOD.

SCOTT...THIS
IS UNCHARTED
TERRITORY. IF
MADROX NEVER
WAKES UP...

LISTEN TO
YOURSELF, SCOTT.
YOU'D KNOWINGLY
SACRIFICE JAMIE'S
LIFE?

AND
LAYLA?
SHE'S
ONLY
A--

OUR
SPECIES IS DYING,
FORGE. WE'RE
ON THE VERGE OF
EXTINCTION.

SO
WHATEVER'S
HAPPENING
HERE, IF WE DON'T
FIND A WAY TO
CONTROL
IT...

WE HAVE TO
KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING HERE,
FORGE. IT'S WORTH
THE RISKS WE'RE
TAKING.

...ALL OF
OUR LIVES
END HERE.

"I'M GOING
AFTER THEM."

I THOUGHT
CYCLOPS AND I HAD
AN UNDERSTANDING.
AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH, AFTER
EVERYTHING WE'VE
DONE.

THE X-MEN
WANT TO GO AFTER
THE MARAUDERS? FINE.
BUT THE PURIFIERS,
THAT'S PERSONAL.

THEY KILLED
FORTY-FIVE OF
OUR FRIENDS.



THEY DIDN'T
KILL X-MEN, OR
FREAKING X-FACTOR...
THEY KILLED STUDENTS.
THEY KILLED OUR FRIENDS,
AND WE'RE THE ONES
WHO TOOK THEM DOWN.
NOT THE X-MEN.

SO I DON'T
CARE WHAT
CYCLOPS SAYS.
I'M GOING
AFTER THEM.



IF THEY'VE
GOT THIS BABY,
THEY'RE GOING
TO KILL IT. AND
IF THEY DON'T
HAVE IT...

...I'M STILL
TAKING THEM OUT.
PERMANENTLY.

SO,
WHO'S
IN?





I'M IN.
THESE PEOPLE
KILLED BRIAN.



I'M IN,
TOO.



THIS IS WRONG,
NORIKO. TO RESCUE
THE CHILD, YES...BUT
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU
WANT. YOU WANT
BLOOD.

AND WE HAVE
SEEN FAR TOO
MUCH BLOOD
OF LATE.



TRY AND STOP
ME, BUT IF WE RESCUE
THE BABY, I'M NOT
HOLDING IT. BABIES
CREEP ME OUT.



I'LL GO,
BUT JUST FOR
THE BABY.

WE SHOULD TALK
TO THE CLUCKOOS. SEE
IF THEY'VE PICKED UP ANY
INFORMATION FROM THE
X-MEN, MAYBE A LOCATION.
THE O*N*E MIGHT HAVE
RECORDS ON THE
PURIFIERS, TOO.

AND I CAN
TELEPORT US THERE.
BUT, UHM, I DON'T WANT
TO KILL ANYONE. I DON'T
HAVE TO, DO I?



DON'T
DO THIS,
NORI.

WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
JOSH? ARE
YOU IN, OR
OUT?



THESE PEOPLE
KILLED LAURIE. IF I GO
WITH YOU, I'LL KILL EVERY
SINGLE ONE OF THEM.
AND I DON'T WANT TO
DO THAT.

SO NO. I'M
NOT GOING. BUT
IF YOU NEED HEALING,
YOU KNOW WHERE
TO FIND ME.

HEY...



...DO YOU
HAVE ROOM
FOR ONE
MORE?

THE DOMINION RANGE,
ANTARCTICA.



SOMETHING'S
GONE WRONG.

RELAX. ELF
KNOWS WHAT
HE'S DOING.



BAMF!

KURT!

WELL?



JA...

...THEY'RE
HERE.

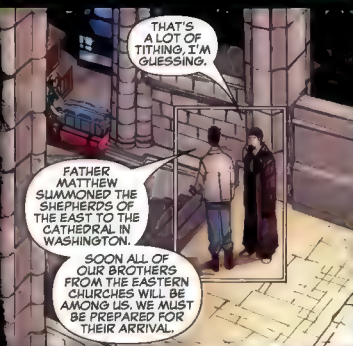
**WASHINGTON, D.C.
THE CHURCH OF THE
REVEREND WILLIAM STRYKER.**



NICE CHURCH.



THAT'S
A LOT OF
TITHING, I'M
GUESSING.



FATHER
MATTHEW
SUMMONED THE
SHEPHERDS OF
THE EAST TO THE
CATHEDRAL IN
WASHINGTON.


SOON ALL OF
OUR BROTHERS
FROM THE EASTERN
CHURCHES WILL BE
AMONG US. WE MUST
BE PREPARED FOR
THEIR ARRIVAL.



HOW MANY
CHURCHES ARE
WE TALKING
ABOUT HERE?

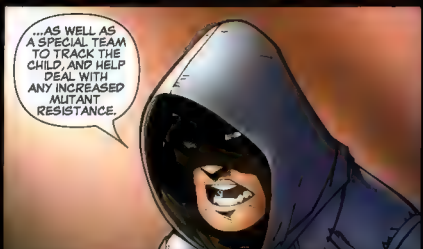
HUNDREDS...BUT
THAT'S JUST IN THE EAST.
THIS IS HAPPENING ALL
ACROSS THE **WORLD**,
BROTHER.

ALL MY LIFE,
I'D PRAYED THAT
ONE DAY I'D FIND
PEOPLE JUST
LIKE ME.



I JUST
NEVER GUESSED
THERE'D BE SO
MANY.

AND, YOU
KNOW...WITH
SO MANY
GUNS.



**NEW YORK CITY.
EIGHTY YEARS FROM NOW.**

"WELL,
THAT TOOK
FOREVER."

SPENDING FIVE
DAYS TRAVELLING
FROM TEXAS TO
NEW YORK WITH YOU
WASN'T PART OF
THE PLAN.

FORCE
BUILT A
TIME MACHINE,
NOT A "TIME
AND SPACE"
MACHINE.

AND I'M A
GREAT TRAVEL
COMPANION. I
FOUND US
SNACKS.

CAN
WE JUST GO?
BAD ENOUGH
YOU STOWED
AWAY, BUT THE
FUTURE?

THE
FUTURE
BLOWS.

NO MUTANTS.
OR EVEN ANYONE
TALKING ABOUT
MUTANTS.

WHICH
IS PRETTY
HORRIBLE...
IF YOU'RE A
MUTANT.

WHERE
ARE WE EVEN
GOING? SOME
HELP YOU ARE, YOU
DON'T SEEM TO
KNOW ANYTHING
IN THE FUTURE.

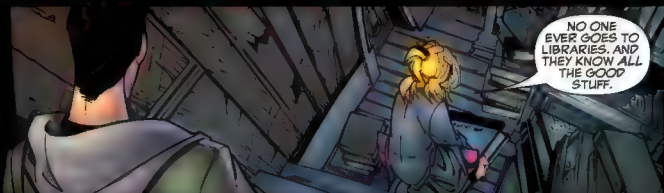
LUCKILY, I'VE
KEPT MY AMAZING
COMMON SENSE
POWERS.



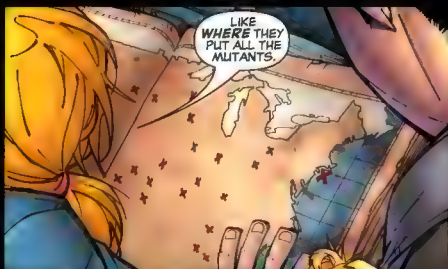
LIBRARY?
I THOUGHT YOU
JUST KNEW STUFF.
WHAT ARE WE GOING
TO DO NEXT. CHECK
THE INTERNET?

NO...YOU
GET WAY TOO
DISTRACTED ON
THE INTERNET.

WHATEVER
HAPPENED HERE,
THERE HAVE BEEN
NO MENTIONS OF
IT ON TV, OR NEWS-
PAPERS, AND NO
ONE IS TALKING
ABOUT IT... IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
HORRIBLE.



NO ONE
EVER GOES TO
LIBRARIES, AND
THEY KNOW ALL
THE GOOD
STUFF.



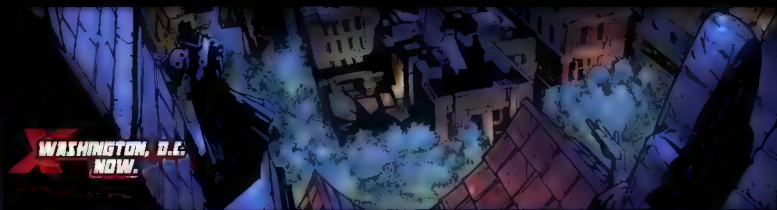
LIKE
WHERE THEY
PUT ALL THE
MUTANTS.



OH,
GOD.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY.
SHEEPSHEAD BAY
MUTANT RELOCATION CAMP.





**WASHINGTON, D.C.
NOW.**



LAURA?

I CAN SMELL
GUNS. I CAN SMELL
THE ANTI-TELEPATHY
IMPLANTS.

THEY ARE
HERE.

FINALLY!
THIS IS LIKE
THE EIGHTH
CHURCH WE'VE
CHECKED.

NO KIDDING.
THAT SENTINEL
PILOT NARROWING
IT DOWN TO D.C.
WASN'T THAT
HELPFUL.



ANOLE...ONCE
WE GET IN, I WANT YOU
TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU
CAN ABOUT THE BABY.
WE'LL RUN
INTERFERENCE.

LAURA,
WHAT DO
YOU SEE?



SEVEN
PURIFIERS ON THE
OUTSIDE PERIMETER.
ALL ARMED WITH
ANTI-MUTANT
WEAPONRY.



TWO GUARDS
ON THE UPPER LEVEL.
NO WEAPONS. THE SIDE
ENTRANCE IS THE ONE WE
WANT...IT'S THE MOST
HEAVILY GUARDED.

WOW.

YOU AIN'T
SEEN NOTHING YET.
ARMOR-ALL.

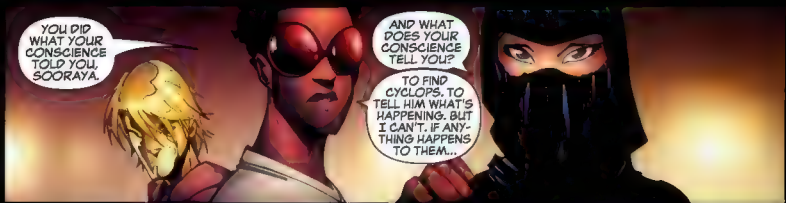


I SHOULD HAVE GONE. WHAT IF THEY NEED ME, AND I AM NOT THERE FOR THEM?

I HAVE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.



~URKI~



YOU DID WHAT YOUR CONSCIENCE TOLD YOU, SOORAYA.

AND WHAT DOES YOUR CONSCIENCE TELL YOU?

TO FIND CYCLOPS, TO TELL HIM WHAT'S HAPPENING. BUT I CAN'T. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THEM...



MMMM!
MMMM!



SHE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM, DAVID.

SHE'S GOTTEN US THROUGH SO MUCH, SHE'LL GET THEM THROUGH THIS. IT'S NORI...



"...SHE'S NOT GOING TO LET THINGS GET OUT OF HAND."

WHAT? WE'RE
RUNNING?

CYCLOPS
IS NO FOOL....
HE KNOWS WHAT
IS AT STAKE
HERE.

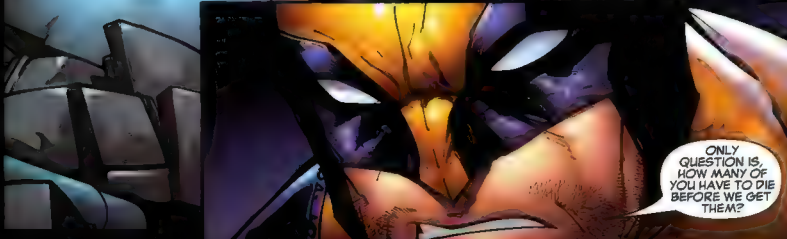
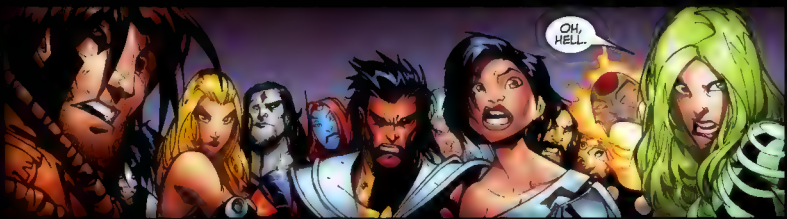
HE WILL BE
COMING, AND DIRECT
CONFLICT WITH THE
X-MEN ON THEIR
TERMS WILL NOT
FURTHER OUR
GOALS.

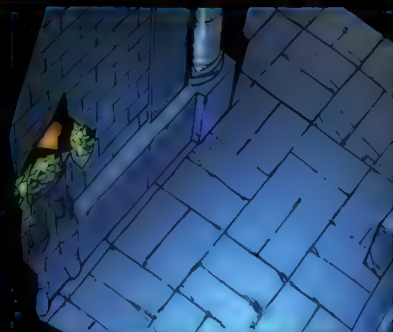
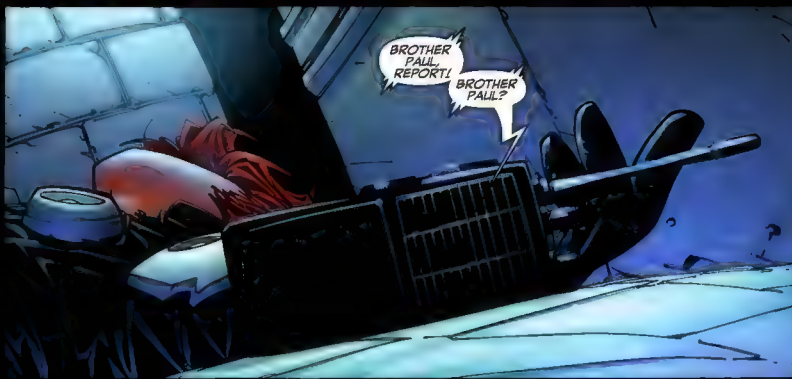
SO WE WILL
CONFRONT THE
X-MEN ON MY
TERMS.

WAIT...

...WHERE'S
HARPOON?

CRASH!







THEY...THEY
DON'T HAVE
THE BABY.

THEY
DON'T
HAVE
THE--



MRPPH!!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?!



UFFF!

DON'T
EVEN TRY
TO--



RICTOR?!

UM, SORRY,
AREN'T YOU WITH
X-FACTOR?

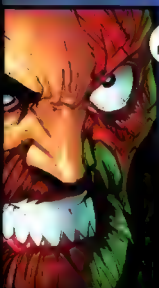
YOU HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF HERE.

WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
THE BABY, IT'S NOT
HERE...BUT WE CAN
STILL SHUT DOWN
THE PURIFIERS.



"WE?"
OH, GOD...
THE NEW
X-MEN.

YOU
DON'T
GET IT,
KID...

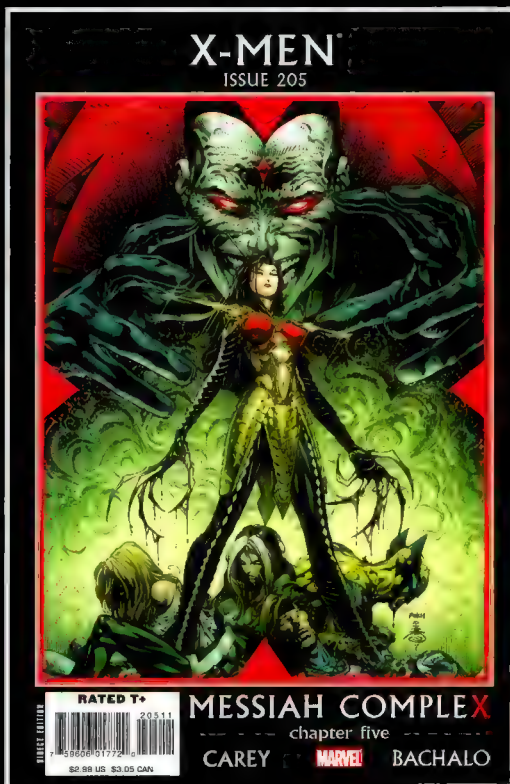




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CHAPTER 5 - X-MEN #205



Next week-

A rematch between the X-MEN and THE MARAUDERS. The casualties of war mount. And finally an answer to the only question that matters:
WHO HAS THE BABY?



VARIANT COVER

FURY'S FILES

Discovered in a decommissioned S.H.I.E.L.D. safehouse, below is a list of little known facts about the X-Men that Nick Fury had personally collected to be used or leveraged when necessary.



After being shot by a mutant power neutralizing gun designed by Forge and therefore losing her powers, Storm was granted the power of Thor, given an Uru Hammer and new weather powers by Loki.

Wolverine's claws actually burst out right through his skin, not through any kind of permanent holes. His mutant healing factor heals the wounds instantly.

Psylocke is a natural blonde.

X-23 is named due to her being the 23rd attempt to clone Wolverine and the intact X chromosome that was duplicated to replace the damaged Y one, which resulted in her being female. She is the only successful cloning attempt of Wolverine.

The image inducer Nightcrawler uses to appear human was invented by Tony Stark.

Dazzler temporarily acted as a herald of Galactus, when the world-devourer granted her powers on a cosmic scale so that she could hunt down Terrax, a former herald who had abused his powers.

Scarlet Witch and Angel briefly dated.

In Weird Al's song "White & Nerdy" one of the lines is "I've been browsin' and inspectin', X-Men comics you know I collect 'em." In the music video Al is holding up four X-Men comics: Uncanny X-Men #201, 210, 221 & 268.

Storm's real name, Ororo, means "Beauty."

Over the years, the minds of three different X-Men found themselves trapped in the body of the White Queen — Jean Grey, Storm and Iceman.

Xavier once had a shapeshifter named Changeling assume his identity while he secretly prepared for an alien invasion. When the Changeling died in battle, the X-Men held a funeral for their mentor having no idea that he was actually alive.

Jubilee suffers from dyscalculia; an inability to complete mathematical problems.

Beast and Nightcrawler don't have blue skin, only a fine coat of blue fur.

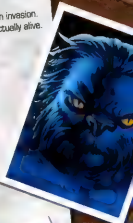
Dedpool was once a bodyguard for Dazzler.

While working as an agent for the C.I.A., Wolverine once saved Spider-Man's parents from Hydra.

Professor X has been crippled (and healed) 4 times:

- 1st — In a fight with Lucifer
- 2nd — Crushed in a fight with the Shadow King
- 3rd — After he got the Techno-Organic Virus
- 4th — Magneto stopped the nanites in his spine from working (After House of M, the Scarlet Witch had cured his spine, and he is now walking)

Storm was originally conceived by Dave Cockrum as "the Black Cat", a character who could transform into a feline creature or a house cat.



LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

DAN ABNETT & ANDY LANNING



MARVEL: You guys are well-known for your sci-fi work here in the U.S. (such as *Annihilation* and the related series), in addition to your work for 2000 AD in the United Kingdom. What makes sci-fi such an infinitely interesting genre to you?

DAN: I've always been a fan of science fiction, and grew up reading Vance, Heinlein, Herbert, and the like. I also was a regular reader of 2000 AD long before I was a regular contributor. The glib answer is that in SF, you can do just about anything. It's a venue for unbridled imagination. But I think the real key to good SF is when the imaginative possibilities are pushed, yet presented in a way they still seem credible and plausible.

ANDY: Dan and I have also always loved Marvel's cosmic characters and stories, especially Jim Starlin's work on Captain Marvel and Warlock. In a cosmic setting, a superhero costume becomes more of a uniform or a protective suit, rather than something you put on in a phone booth to protect your secret identity.

M: You've also been involved in crafting some huge events for Marvel's space characters. What's it like to coordinate something so far-reaching?

ANDY: Dan's written so many combat SF novels for Games Workshop, he's pretty good at keeping control of major plot structures.

DAN: We keep notes. Lots of notes. When we get together to plot and brainstorm, I bring a large holdall full of notes and photocopies and scribbled ideas. We've also been known to cover the door of Andy's office with Post-it notes, each one with a plot idea or character moment on it, so we can move them around and change the order of sequences. The real secret, however, is (editor) Bill Rosemann, who coordinates it all.

•**SPOILER ALERT!** In *Annihilation Conquest*, your big reveal was that Ultron was the badde. How did you coordinate that with Brian Bendis & his recent usage of Ultron in *Mighty Avengers*?

DAN: We got the okay to use Ultron, and got to read Brian's first *Mighty Avengers* scripts in advance, which was a massive treat (both of us are BMB fans).

ANDY: I think *Annihilation Conquest* is going to have to cover the link between the stories, and how Ultron ended up where he did.

M: You've been inundated with critical acclaim from all corners. What's it like to receive such universal praise?

ANDY: Fantastic. It's great to hear that we're doing something the way people think it should be done. I don't let Dan read them. It goes to his head.

DAN: I'm really pleased we seem to be attracting the attention of people who are usually turned off by the word "cosmic." I certainly appreciate all the kind words.

M: Everyone's got their favorite "unappreciated" Marvel hero or team they'd love to write. Who fits the bill for you guys?

DAN: It's easy to pick the Marvel characters we'd love to take a crack at... The Avengers, Thor, Iron Man, Daredevil...

ANDY: Doctor Strange. The Fantastic Four...

DAN: Absolutely. Trouble is, none of them need fixing, as they're all being handled by such great teams. Which sucks for us.

ANDY: Maybe we can get the Secret Defenders back together?

DAN: What, for a benefit concert?

M: Now over in Nova, you've been giving Rich Rider a hard time. Doesn't he deserve a break?

ANDY: He certainly needs a kip*. We were thinking of doing an issue where he spends the whole thing catching up on his sleep.

DAN: Actually, it would be really interesting to find out what his limits are, even supported by the suit and the Worldmind. How long can he keep running on empty?

ANDY: As for the cosmic threats, invasions, emotional bumps... no one ever said it would be easy being a Nova Centurion.

M: Reading Nova, he seems like a natural fit for you. When writing, does one of you act like Rich and the other act like the Worldmind?

DAN: In terms of personal experience, when we're writing Nova, I tend to think about the time I spent serving two tours with the starcorps off Zeta Reticula.

ANDY: Actually, I think the personal experience we both draw on is our memories of reading Nova the first time around, of being kids when he was just a kid getting superpowers. We remember the excitement and the fun.

M: Living in America, sometimes we forget how we appear to the rest of the world and don't realize how funny some things are (such as the massively large portions of food we serve). Any other humorous insights on America that readers might enjoy hearing?

DAN: When we're in New York, we're often stopped by strangers who ask us to "say something in your lovely accent," which is exceedingly weird.

ANDY: You've got very nice trains.

DAN: He's easily pleased. The portion-size thing is absolutely true. I was in Chicago recently, and a waiter had to come out and "demonstrate the meat," such was the range and sheer scale of the steaks on offer. For desert, there was a macadamia turtle pie. Unable to move or remember my own name by that stage, I asked, mockingly, what form the turtle came in. The waiter, deadpan, told me it was the name of the basin they served the half gallon of ice cream in.

ANDY: Just one more wafer-thin mint, sir? I'm always amused by the differences that exist in one language. You say "aluminium" and we say "aluminum," you say "eggplant" and we say "aubergine," you say "herbs" and we say "herb." Oh, that one doesn't work written down. There's an "h" at the start, people!

* In the UK, a kip is a holiday.

'Nuff Said!

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**A 4-part limited series continuing
the untold origin of Iron Man!**

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MARVEL MOMENT?

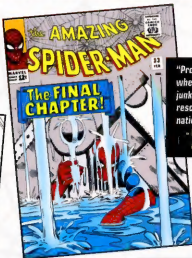
"When they hired me!"

- LEINIL YU - Artist
(New Avengers)



"As a kid, Captain America getting killed in Infinity Gauntlet, what... five or so, really shocked me. I didn't know any better, so I thought it was all real permanent stuff. It was crazy. Now, it's gotta be something in the Lee/Kirby Fantastic Four run... there's so much to choose from."

- ROBERT KIRKMAN - Writer
(Marvel Zombies II, Ultimate X-Men)



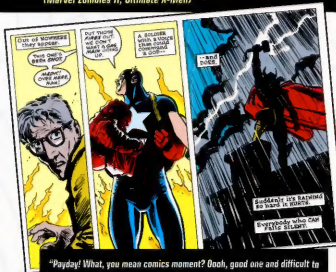
"Probably Amazing Spider-Man #33 when Spidey lifts the giant hunk of junk off himself so that he can go rescue Aunt May. A terrific combination of words and visuals."

- PETER DAVID - Writer
(X-Factor, She-Hulk)



"Kitty Pryde joining the X-Men has a very warm place in my heart. That was the issue I discovered the X-Men (and that Wolverine's name was Logan), so it was pretty magical for me."

- MARC GUGGENHEIM - Writer
(Amazing Spider-Man, Marvel Comics Presents)



"Payday! What, you mean comics moment? Booh, good one and difficult to choose but one of my favorites was during Frank Miller's tenure as writer with David Mazzucchelli on Daredevil. In the last issue of 'Born Again,' the Avengers appear for just a few panels. There's the line about Cap telling Thor to put out the fires 'with a voice that could command a god and does.' That's the birth of Modern Marvel comics right there and it's clearly an ancestor of Ultimates."

- BRYAN HITCH - Artist
(Ultimates, Fantastic Four)



"Let go. Die, Charles. I'm going to catch you." Phoenix holding Charles Xavier's disintegrating consciousness inside her own until his body can be retrieved from Cassandra Nova. Courtesy of Grant Morrison, in New X-Men #125!"

- MIKE CAREY - Writer
(X-Men, Ultimate Fantastic Four)



"Any worktime spent with my father."

- JOHN ROMITA JR. - Artist
(World War Hulk, Amazing Spider-Man)

NOW YOU KNOW!

FURY'S FILES

Discovered in a decommissioned S.H.I.E.L.D. safehouse, below is a list of little-known facts about the Avengers that Nick Fury had personally collected to be used or leveraged when necessary.



According to the original Avengers charter, "No Avenger shall be required to surrender knowledge of his or her civilian identity or personal affairs to the membership at large or the National Security Council."

Although having the appearance of a grown man, Rage was only thirteen years old when he joined the Avengers.

While on a leave of absence from the Fantastic Four so that they could spend more time with their son Franklin, Mister Fantastic and the Invisible Woman ended up temporarily joining the Avengers.

The Wasp came up with the name for the Avengers.

Kang, Rama-Tut, Immortus, and Iron Lad are all the same person but at different points in their life, living in different eras of time.

After a momentous victory, Hawkeye would often throw a barbeque for the team to celebrate.

Although Matt Murdock has acted as the Avengers' legal counsel, most notably when he helped them oppose Henry Peter Gyrich's attempt to shut down the team's operation, Daredevil has declined every offer to join the team.

Captain America served as the Avengers Chairperson 110 times throughout his membership in the team.

Ultron used the original Human Torch's body to make the Vision.

Firestar was originally created for the Saturday morning animated series, *Spider-Man and His Amazing Friends* and eventually made her debut in Marvel Comics when she was recruited by Emma Frost to join the Hellions.

The Maria Stark Foundation has issued cease and desist letters to the Great Lakes Avengers for their use of the name "Avengers."

Avengers Mansion was located at 890 Fifth Avenue in New York City.

While acting as the Avengers' liaison to the United States National Security Council, Henry Peter Gyrich forced the team to trim their roster to seven members and replace Hawkeye with the Falcon to be in compliance with affirmative action laws.

In their earliest appearances, the Black Widow was a Soviet spy who tricked Hawkeye into helping her steal technologies developed by Stark Industries.

Actor Nicholas Cage changed his surname from Coppola to Cage based on the character of Luke Cage.

The Wasp had eight different costumes in the first ten issues of *The Avengers*.



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